

# County Council Of Howard County, Maryland

2005 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. **3**

## Resolution No. 15-2005

Introduced by: The Chairman at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving a schedule of fees that a tow operator may charge for accident towing.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted\_\_\_\_, Adopted with amendments\_\_\_\_, Failed\_\_\_\_, Withdrawn\_\_\_\_, by the County Council  
on \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

Certified By \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN ALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment

1           **WHEREAS**, Section 21.301 of the Howard County Code was amended by Council Bill  
2 No. 79-2004, effective March 7, 2005; and

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4           **WHEREAS**, Section 21.301, as amended, requires the Howard County Police  
5 Department to establish an accident towing program; and

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7           **WHEREAS**, Section 21.301(h) provides that the County Council shall annually adopt a  
8 maximum rate to be charged by a tow operator, and

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10          **WHEREAS**, the County Executive has proposed the adoption of a fee schedule for  
11 accident towing.

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13          **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the County Council of Howard County,  
14 Maryland this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005 that it adopts the attached schedule of fees for the  
15 maximum rates to be charged by a tow operator pursuant to the County's accident towing  
16 program.

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18          **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the fees adopted in this Resolution shall be  
19 in effect through June 30, 2005.

## MAXIMUM RATES FOR ACCIDENT TOWING

*These charges are set pursuant to Section 21.301(h) of the Howard County Code which provides for the County Council to set the maximum rates that a tow operator may charge for accident towing.*

Straight and/or roll-back towing of motorcycles and vehicles up to and including trucks that are $\frac{3}{4}$ ton gross vehicle weight	\$125.00
Winching of vehicles, up to and including trucks that are $\frac{3}{4}$ ton gross vehicle weight (per hour in $\frac{1}{4}$ hour increments)	\$120.00
Extra trucks, when needed, for vehicles up to and including $\frac{3}{4}$ ton trucks (per tow, justification must be placed on the tow receipt for review)	\$75.00
Extra people, when needed, and verified by the police officer at the scene (per tow, justification must be placed on the tow receipt for review)	\$25.00
Towing a vehicle beyond the company's storage lot, additional charge per mile	\$4.00
Storage per day, or part thereof, commencing at 12:01 a.m. on the first calendar day after being towed, including days that the tow company is closed	\$25.00
Towing a vehicle when the vehicle's keys are not available (per tow)	\$25.00
Taping of vehicle windows, to secure vehicle from additional interior damage during storage:	
Front or rear window, per window	\$10.00
Side window, per window	\$6.00
Inclement weather surcharge which shall only be charged during a declared snow emergency by the state and/or county (calculated based on towing fee but not additional fees authorized by this section)	25%
Administrative Fee	\$50.00
(A one-time administrative fee shall only be charged when vehicle's owner has not claimed, or arranged to claim their vehicle within three business days (business day is any day the company is regularly open for reclaiming vehicles).)	